

17. The honorable George Brent, associate judge of the court of appeals, J. Shaaff Stockett, state reporter, and Arthur W. Machen, of Baltimore city, are hereby appointed a committee, to serve without compensation, with full power and authority to examine into the condition of the state library, and to select some competent person to prepare, under their direction and supervision, a catalogue of the books, maps, &c., belonging to said library, and to have two hundred copies of the same printed; and the person selected to prepare such catalogue shall also prepare a list of such books as may be properly removed from the library room and stored elsewhere in some safe and convenient place, and also such others as in his judgment may be advantageously disposed of by sale or otherwise, which disposition the committee is hereby authorized to make as may be deemed by them most expedient; should such books, however, be sold, the proceeds arising therefrom shall be expended in the purchase of other books, to be selected by the committee, for the increase of the library, and the committee shall purchase, from time to time, such books and maps for the augmentation of the library as in their judgment may be deemed advisable, and they shall have the library-room refurnished and refitted; and the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of carrying out the provisions of this section, and the said committee, or a majority of its members, may draw on the treasurer from time to time for such sums as may be necessary, not to exceed the appropriation hereby made, and the sum of five hundred dollars shall be appropriated annually for the purchase of books and maps for the augmentation of the library, to be expended under the direction of said committee.

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18. The said committee shall establish such rules and regulations relative to the state library as to them may seem proper, and may alter and amend the same from time to time, *provided* such rules and

Committee to
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